

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-12, 17-19, 21-28, 33-53, 56-58, 63-85, 87, 89-90 and 92 were examined. Claim 75 is amended. Claims 33-74 and 85-95 are canceled. Claims 1-3, 5-12, 17-19, 21-28 and 75-84 remain in the Application.

The Patent Office rejects claims 33-46, 51-53, 56-58, 63-74, 85, 87, 89-90 and 92-95 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). The Patent Office finds claims 1-3, 5-12, 17-19, 21-28 and 78-84 allowable over the prior art of record. Finally, the Patent Office objects to claims 75-77 as dependent on a rejected base claim but finds the claims otherwise allowable over the art of record.

Applicant cancels rejected claims 33-46, 51-53, 56-58, 63-74, 85, 87, 89-90 and 92-95. Applicant amends claim 75 to incorporate limitations of its base claims and obviate the objection to claims 75-77. Applicant believes claims 1-3, 5-12, 17-19, 21-28 and 75-84 are in condition for allowance.

In an Office Action mailed March 9, 2006, the Patent Office withdrew claims 13-16 and 29-32 as not readable on the elected species. Claims 13-16 and 29-32 depend from allowable claim 1 and claim 17, respectively. Applicant respectfully requests rejoinder and consideration of claims 13-16 and 29-32 at this time which depend from allowable claim 1 or claim 17, respectively.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now pending patentably define the subject invention over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, particularly extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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